

# TOWN OF FARMINGTON

## JULY 2019 MINUTES

TOWN OF FARMINGTON BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2019  
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL  
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

Attendees: Paul Lash, Jodi Anderson, Mike Hesse, Crystal Sbraggia, Greg Kastenschmidt

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman, Mike Hesse called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

### MINUTE REVIEW

Crystal Sbraggia read the June 4, 2019 regular meeting and the special electoral meeting on June 24, 2019.

**Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt** – Motion to approve both the June 4 and 24<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as read. 3/0/0 Motion Passed

### PUBLIC CONCERNS

Brett Flick, along with 7 other residents currently living in the Bernhardt Valley Addition, were in attendance to seek assistance from the town in regard to ongoing water flow / drainage issues near their properties. The group explained that they are experiencing large amounts of muddy runoff that is clogging the culverts used to drain water away from their property. They claim that the run off debris, along with the sitting water caused by clogged culverts, is damaging to their properties. According to the group, this has been an ongoing issue but that new construction is impacting the problem. They feel that culverts are too small, ditches are not contoured properly and that land conservation permit requirements are not being enforced by the county. They are requesting that the town look into ways to alleviate this problem for them. Suggestions were to dig the ditches deeper, install larger culverts, lay straw mats in different areas and enforce land conservation requirements. The board explained that the town did not engineer the area and does not issue nor enforce land conservation requirements. The board did agree to take a look at the area but noted that before anything would be done, Mike would be contacting the county for further information pertaining to the original engineering plans and present obligations.

Dan Heidel reminded everyone that there is a Public Hearing set for July 23, 2019 where the Plan Commission will hear public comments regarding the request to open up further town roads as ATV routes.

### OPERATOR LICENSES

An operator application for Kyle Knudson was reviewed. Confirmation of certification was not readily available; however, a clear background check was noted. A temporary license will be granted to Sandy Scherz, until her application can be officially reviewed next month. A background check cleared and she has had a license granted to her in the last two years.

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash** – Motion to grant an operator license to Kyle Knudson pending documentation of certification.  
3/0/0 Passed

**ALLIED COOPERATIVE REQUEST LAND LEASE** - Following electoral approval to move forward with exploring lease options with Allied Cooperative, Hesse briefly spoke with the town's attorney regarding the upcoming possible agreement. Any further action will wait until after receiving an affirmative decision from Allied.

## **KEITH WOYICKI**

The party is requesting approval to revise the legal description of two land parcels in an effort to increase the residential parcel so to allow for construction of an attached shed onto an existing house.

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Lash** – Motion to uphold the recommendation of the Plan Commission and approve the revision of legal descriptions pertaining to land parcels 5-1388-0 and 5-1400-2.

**WEST SALEM SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD RESOLUTION**– Item was tabled until further action takes place at the West Salem School District level.

**CHIMNEY ROCK APPRAISAL CONTRACT** – Board reviewed contract submitted by Chimney Rock Appraisal for a full re-evaluation in 2019 and 2020. The agreement noted that \$25,000 would be paid in August 2019 and the second half at the BOR in 2020.

**PLAN COMMISSION CANDIDATES** – Two PC positions recently expired. One for Dan Heidel and another for Crystal Sbraggia. Dan Heidel wishes to remain on the Plan Commission and was nominated for another term by Mike Hesse.

**Mmsp: Kastenschmidt / Hesse:** Motion to confirm the appointment of Dan Heidel as the Chairman of the Town of Farmington Plan Commission.

Crystal Sbraggia is choosing not to renew her voting position on the Plan Commission and therefore Mike Hesse informally interviewed two applicants. Mike shared his thoughts of the two candidates and requested to appoint Mitch Fenske to the Plan Commission. Kastenschmidt advised that he would like to appoint the other applicant. The board then decided it would be more appropriate to hold interviews at next month's meeting so that all board members could talk with the candidates before moving forward with a final decision.

**Mmsp: Hesse / Lash** – Motion to table the PC appointment until after interviews are conducted at next month's town board meeting. 3/0/0

## **ROADS**

**WENZEL ROAD BRIDGE:** Kammel will be working on this project the week of July 8, 2019.

**HERMAN COULEE ROAD:** Storms brought down debris and mud across the road. The town cleared the mud covered roads with plows, however, the culverts are also blocked, causing water to build and erode the road. The town will be cleaning this area out soon to stop further erosion.

**OLSON ROAD:** No update from the state rep.

**A. CRAIG ROAD:** Waiting for roads to dry before proceeding with culvert installation.

**WANLESS 2018 RESIDENT DAMAGE UPDATE:** No update from the attorney received.

WANLESS STORM DAMAGE REPAIR: Still waiting on the bid package to be completed by the engineers so that bid requests can be sent out this summer and awarded this fall.

ROADS TO BE SEALED: Bids submitted by Scott and Fahrner were reviewed. Job was awarded to the lowest bidder, Scott Construction. In order to save some funds back to repair badly damaged, Jerome Road and Herman Coulee, the town decided to narrow down the list of roads to be completed. The following will be sealed by Scott's Construction later this summer: Baker, A.Craig, Sullivan and Timm. The total cost to seal these four roads is \$65,973.

**Mmsp: Hesse / Kastenschmidt:** Motion made to accept the Scott Construction proposal.  
3/0/0

HETLAND ROAD: Kastenschmidt noted that Jennifer Johnson has requested to take over 100 yds of Hetland Road in order to alleviate the issues with town plows tearing up her concrete. This she says happens because there is no room to turn around. Hesse suggested that the town not move forward with this request, noting that based on past experience it is not a good idea to do this type of transfer. He explained that although current residents may all agree that it is a good idea at the time, future issues could arise when situations or ownership change.

## **EQUIPMENT**

Glen's Navistar Truck was repaired by Jeff Baker. Since then it has began leaking again. It is still under warranty, however, so Jeff will fix this again at no charge.

Kenwood radio quote was received. The radio portion of the quote equaled \$463.17, while the installation estimate was \$365. Board agreed the installation cost was steep and would check with Jake Arneson to see about drilling the hole in the cab for them. Before moving forward with installation, Mike will confirm with the truck company that doing so will not void any type of warranty.

**Mmsp: Lash/Kastenschmidt:** Motion was made to purchase the radio without the installation option. 3/0/0

Loader: Greg presented material gathered on potential loaders that the town could purchase. He is waiting on quotes for a 521 Case and a 524 John Deere. He will have the bids include a box blade with hydraulic lift, quick attach kit and a winter kit.

If the board decides not to purchase a new end loader, new tires for the old loader will need to be purchased for \$4,100.

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

### ***FIRE DEPARTMENT***

No progress reported on fire grant.

The old pump truck will be posted onto Wi Surplus on 06/03/2019.

### ***FIRST RESPONDERS***

No updates

## **SOLID WASTE RECYCLING**

RECYCLING FENCE: Dennis reported that progress is being made on the recycling fence. The gate should be delivered on 07/03/2019. He requested to be reimbursed for the purchase of a concrete mixer and the hours that he brought in his own equipment to complete work pertaining to the project. The board agreed that he should be reimbursed.

Hesse noted that town employees will be ordering and installing exit only, do not enter and stop signs along this new recycling drive route.

La Crosse County Officer Bauer is hoping to plan a drug take back drive sometime this summer. He is looking to hold it on a Saturday from 8am – 12pm. Dennis Konze will serve as the point of contact for this event.

## **TOWN TREASURER REPORT**

The treasurer's report was reviewed.

**MMSP: Hesse / Kastenschmidt** – Motion to approve the treasurer's report including receipts 695721-695733 3/0/0 Motion Passed

## **CHECK REVIEW**

**Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt** – Motion to approve EFTs and checks numbered 21266-21295 3/0/0 Motion Passed

**Fire Department Checks:** FD checks were not available, therefore, will be approved at next month's meeting.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Wet Coulee Easement: The county surveyed the land involved in the easement request at no charge. Mike is working with Attorney Dan Arndt to complete the paperwork for this easement along with an easement that would allow for Jim Freng to access his property by crossing the town lot near the cemetery that is classified as a parking lot.

Town Hall Leak: Swenson has not had a chance to check into this, however, Mike has not noticed any additional leaking. Mike will still have Bruce check into it when he looks into the area where the town hall meets the fire station.

Greg will double check with Tony Berg in regard to the status of a replacement fridge.

Jodi will talk with Wendell about removing the lawn mower from the town shop.

The cell tower projects are still in motion. Progress is slower than expected.

## **CLERK REIMBURSEMENT**

**Mmsp: Lash / Kastenschmidt** – Motion to reimburse Crystal Sbraggia in the amount of \$464.67 for costs covered by her in association with website hosting, the regional clerk meeting and the operator license background check payments.

**ADJOURN:** **MMSP: Kastenschmidt / Lash** – Motion was made to adjourn at 9:45pm.  
3/0/0 Motion Passed